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DEPUTIES' MEETING

27 April 1955

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, General Cabell (part of mtg.), Mr. Amory, Col. White, Messrs. Helms, Kirkpatrick, Roosevelt, Sheldon (part of mtg.), []

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Mr. Dulles:

a. Referred to a cable []

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[] and asked Mr. Roosevelt to prepare an analysis of Diem's assets if he goes out, i.e., what would go down the drain and what would be left.

b. Noted that Assistant Secretary of the Navy William B. Franke plans to leave on 4 May to inspect Naval installations in the Far East and asked Mr. Helms to advise our station chiefs along the way to "be very frank with Mr. Franke", since he is thoroughly familiar with our covert operations in connection with his membership on the Doolittle Committee. The Director said we should particularly raise any problems involving [] and Mr. Kirkpatrick suggested that our people be informed that Franke might well ask questions on financial matters since he had gone into this very thoroughly while serving on the Doolittle Committee.

General Cabell:

Noted he had been advised by Dr. Chadwell that either the Secretary of Defense or his Deputy had signed the ELINT paper and the next step would require the Director's approval before going to the NSC. Mr. Dulles asked if it was necessary for NSCID's to be formerly approved by the IAC before consideration by the Council. After some discussion the Director asked Mr. [] to obtain the opinion of General Counsel.

Mr. Roosevelt:

Noted that he had seen an article in the Star of 25 April indicating that Ambassador Willauer had been asked by State to resign, and raised the question as to whether Willauer had actually resigned as a Member of the Board of CAT or was on leave of absence. Col. White undertook to find out.

Mr. Amory:

Noted he had seen [] yesterday who had advised that he intended to go to [] for a meeting in May and there-

25X1 after planned to visit the Near Middle East area. Mr. Amory
25X1 said [] would be here on 20 May for a briefing. The
Director indicated he would like to see him at that time. Mr.
Amory also said that [] had asked whether []

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Kirkpatrick said he knew [] well and undertook to prepare
his curriculum vitae for the Director's consideration in connec-
tion with this proposal.

Mr. Kirkpatrick:

a. Noted that after the Director had left the luncheon
for Congressman Dawson, he indicated he did not desire any
further briefing for himself or his committee and, in fact,
the points about CIA which had caused him some concern had
been fully covered to his satisfaction during the discussion
at this luncheon meeting. The Director said he thought
Congressman Vinson had asked him to see Congressman Dawson,
and if so, we should call him and advise that this had been
done. Mr. Kirkpatrick said he recalled it was Congressman
McCormack who had asked the Director to see Congressman Dawson
and undertook to find out who had made the request.

b. Recommended that when Congressman Powell of New York
returns to the United States we ask him in for a debriefing.
The Director approved.

c. Noted that the full Clark Committee would be in
Washington May 12 - 14, however, he had been unable to determine
on which of these days the Director would be called. Mr.
Dulles said in view of this he would cancel his proposed trip
to San Francisco on 13 May.

d. Noted he had been advised by Col. Grogan that the
Harknesses were planning to do a piece in the near future on
security in the government and that one of our employees who
had been terminated for security reasons had already been in
touch with Mrs. Harkness. The Director said he had no objection
if Mr. Kirkpatrick advises Mrs. Harkness that he (DCI) had
personally gone over this former employee's file and had made
the decision for termination. It was suggested that the
Harknesses be given a briefing on the unclassified portion of
CIA's security program and the Director approved, noting he
would leave to Mr. Kirkpatrick's discretion what this briefing
should include.

Col. White:

Reported he had been in touch with Mr. Brundage of the

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25X1 Bureau of the Budget in connection with our construction program
[redacted] and Brundage had asked us to find out the State and UN
policy regarding US [redacted] After some discus- 25X1
sion it was agreed that Col. White would get in touch with Randy
Higgs on this matter.



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